

filed on April 10, 2000, which arguments are incorporated by reference herein.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

In the interests of expediting prosecution, Applicant believes it would be helpful for the Examiner to speak with his undersigned attorney to discuss any points from the Office Action dated November 9, 1999 in the parent case, which the Examiner might feel are unresolved.

Accordingly, if the Examiner does not feel this case is now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to schedule an interview, either personal or telephonic, to discuss all such points.

In the interests of speeding prosecution, it is further requested that such a call be made prior to issuance of a further Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All

correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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